

MINUTES
OF

VIRGIN RIVER WATER USERS HELD FEBRUARY 9, 1960 in COUNTY COURT HOUSE
ST. GEORGE, UTAH 4:00 P. M.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wayne D. Criddle who explained the purpose of the meeting.

Wayne Wilson was nominated and appointed acting chairman of the meeting Ray S. Schmutz appointed secretary of the meeting.

Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held last year (Feb. 17, 1959). They were approved as read. Also read minutes of a committee meeting held April 13, 1959 wherein the budget was set up. These minutes were approved with a correction showing the presence of Bernard Isom instead of Roe Ballard.

The financial statement was read by Frank Reese who explained the various expenditures.

Motion was made by Evan J. Woodbury that the money encumbered for Committee Expense be released and the Committee Members forego such remuneration for 1959. Seconded by Raymond DeMille and passed.

Evan Woodbury asked if the amount set up for District Engineer and not expended this year should be set up again for 1960. Mr. Criddle explained this would not be necessary. This is required for extraordinary circumstances only. For ordinary operations the Office of the State Engineer takes care of this expense.

Lawrence Ninton, the Commissioner, reviewed his report indicating how the water was distributed during the 1959 season. He reported that one company had not asked for measurement by the Commissioner. Mr. Criddle explained that every one the system should be checked and measured whether they use the water or not.

Jim Felton explained that the record of the Commissioner does not reflect the correct amount of water owned by Zion National Park. Mr. Franke of the Park wrote in to Mr. Reese last summer setting forth their claims which have been checked by Mr. Reese in the Office and appear to be correct. Mr. Reese requested permission to change the assessment to comply with the corrected record. This was approved on motion.

Mr. Reese also reported a request for correction in the Flannigan Ditch. They have been assessed for 1.55 c.f.s. but measured only 1.47 c.f.s. This correction is to be based on what the record shows in the office. He also reported that Mr. Wright was over-assessed in 1959 as a result of an error by the Secretary in sending information to the office. This will be corrected in 1960.

Virgin Canal Co. requested permission to withdraw from the organization. This request is to be studied. It was also suggested that a study be made of the Ash Creek and Toquerville Creek users.

Moved by Raymond DeMille, Seconded by Evan J. Woodbury that the Commissioners report be accepted as read. Amended by Jim Felton to extend our appreciation to the Office of the State Engineer for their services. Amendment seconded by Woodbury and amendment and motion passed.

Discussed the budget for 1960 and the following was proposed:

Commissioners Salary	\$1,000
Social Security	30
Traveling exp per mile	425
Report	50
Bonds	25
Miscellaneous	25
Committee Expense	50
Outstanding Debts	500
Total	\$2,105

Motion by Adrian Dennett that the budget be accepted as proposed. Seconded by Evan S. Lee and passed.

Charles H. Esplin raised the point of inequality of the ratio of 3 to 1 on which the assessment is based. Mr. Criddle explained that this is not the best method of assessment. He recommended assessing on a acre foot basis. However, since we do not have a long enough record to establish an acre foot basis yet he thought perhaps the stream-flow would do for another year at least.

Moved by Jim Felton that the State Engineers Office be authorized to assess the users to raise the budget of \$2,105 on the same basis as last year, with minor adjustments as necessary. (Last year was Primary \$20.01 per cfs Secondary \$6.07 per cfs) Seconded by Clarence Lamoreaux. Mr. Criddle proposed a penalty on delinquency charges in order to facilitate collections. This penalty would be 10% with a minimum of \$1 to take effect 60 days after the assessment is mailed out or June 1 whichever is later. Motion was amended to include this penalty provision and passed.

The following men were nominated and selected to serve on the Committee for 1960: Adrian Dennett of Springdale; Wayne Wilson of LaVerkin; Winfred Spendlove of Herrick; and Leroy H. Cox and Evan J. Woodbury of St. George.

Lawrence Hinton was recommended as Commissioner to the State Engineer and was approved by Mr. Criddle.

Mr. Criddle suggested that we consider adopting a set of Articles of Association and supplied a copy of the Articles of Association of the recently organized Provo River Organization. Motion by Jim Felton that the Committee study the Articles supplied and make recommendations at our next meeting. Seconded and passed.

Question was raised as to whether the Commissioner is to be paid per diem or otherwise. Mr. Criddle suggested he be paid on a seasonal or monthly basis. This problem is to be resolved by the Committee who will then notify the Engineers Office.

Adjourned 6:05 P. M.

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Water Users attending the Annual Meeting of the Virgin River Water Users
Held February 9, 1960 at 4:00 P. M. in the Washington County Court House.

Wayne D. Criddle	State Engineer
Clarence D. Erickson, Jr.	State Engineer's Office
Donald C. Norseth	" " "
T. Vinton Smith	" " "
Frank Reese	" " "
Adrian Dennett	Springdale, Utah
George Keil	Virgin, Utah
Delmar Cornelius	" "
S. Lee Wilcox	" "
Evan S. Lee	" "
Clarence Lamoreaux	Cedar City, Utah
James Felton	Zion National Park
Owen Wright	St. George, Utah
Kent Bentley	" " "
Alma E. Flannigan	Virgin, Utah
Raymond Demille	Hurricane, Utah
Evan J. Woodbury	St. George, Utah
Charles H. Esplin	Cedar City, Utah
LeRoy H. Cox	St. George, Utah
Wayne Wilson	LaVerkin, Utah
Duane Blake	St. George, Utah
Lawrence Hinton	Hurricane, Utah
Ray S. Schmutz	St. George, Utah
Clifton Johnson	Cedar City, Utah) Engineer's Office
Dee C. Hansen	Cedar City, Utah) " "
Dennis Brannan	Virgin, Utah